

Date: April 20th, 2019

To: The Honorable Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
The Honorable Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

From: Zhaoheng Chen, Kapi 'olani Community College

Re: Strong Support for SR154

Hearing: Monday, April 22, 2019, 1:15 PM, Conference Room 225, State Capitol, 415
South Beretania Street

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SR154 which requests to extend Keaunui Drive to Renton Road in Ewa beach.

I strongly support SR154 because I believe that the Asing park, which is located in Ewa, is important for most of the people living in the Ewa beach community for recreational purpose. Some people bring their whole family to have a picnic there during weekend; some people play basketball in the basketball field located in Asing park. All of these recreational activities demonstrate the significance of Asing park in people's daily life. That is why it is crucial to improve the access to Asing park. Currently, there is only one road, called Renton Road, which people can use to get into Asing park. However, it is very inconvenient for people living in Ewa beach community to get into Asing park because they are compelled to go to another road, which has intersection with Renton road to get into the park because they cannot directly get to Renton road. It wastes tremendous energy that are mostly fueled by burning fossil. Burning fossil fuel releases toxic gases into the atmosphere, which contaminates the environment. Moreover, Keaunui Drive has a dead end, which is stopped by a prairie. So, if Keaunui Drive can be extended to Renton road, people living Ewa community can go to Asing park directly, which can increase the general well-being of the people living the community and mitigate carbon emissions. In addition, people living in Ewa community has been waiting for the extension for at least ten years. According to Hawaii House Minority (2008), "extension of Keaunui Drive to Renton road was purposed." It demonstrates that people living in Ewa community have been looking for the extension of Keaunui Drive for a long time.

I strongly support SR154 because I can increase the general well-being of the people living in Ewa community and mitigate carbon emission.

Mahalo,

Zhaoheng Chen, 20

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Reference

Minority, Hawaii House. "DRAFT EWA DEVELOPMENT PLAN." House Minority Caucus, 16 Dec. 2008, houseminority.wordpress.com/2008/12/15/draft-ewa-development-plan/.

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Submitted on: 4/19/2019 11:27:17 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan P. Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I write in support of SR 154. Transportation equity is an important goal, and every community interacts to form the traffic picture of the island. We must help our Ewa sisters and Brothers obtain reasonable access and travel times as we work to improve the whole island's transportation. The road extension is practical and reasonable. Please vote in favor.

Mahalo,
Dylan P. Armstrong

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Naomi Nihipali	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mitchell Tynanes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I Mitchell Tynanes a life long resident of Ewa Beach stand in strong support of SR 154. This will help alleviate traffic on kolowaka and Keanau drive and help bring some sense of relief to the people in my community. Mahalo and Aloha!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keikilani Uehara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: